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Volunteer Fire Service Management

The objective would be to create a course of instruction directed at Chiefs and Officers of FD's staffed primarily with Volunteers.

The course would be approximately 32 hours in length as currently proposed and consist of both in-person and on line learning course delivery methods.

The reason for the course is that for many fire departments staffed with volunteers in communities with less than 5000 people the course material in the current Fire Officer I certification course is not all necessarily pertinent. The course material would be gleaned from current Fire Officer I materials but other material that pertain specifically to managing the volunteer staffing component.

The leadership of a local VFD may choose to attend this course in lieu of a Fire Officer I course or as a stepping stone. Please indicate below the subjects that you believe should be included in a course as described. Add other topics in the blank spaces.

35	Recruiting Volunteers (3)	36	Legal Issues / OSHA (2)
34	Retaining Volunteers (4)	28	Organizing
28	Planning	26	Coordinating
1	Alternate funding	34	Incident Safety Officer (4)
24	Buddy to Boss	33	Establishing Policies and Procedures (5)
37	Incident Command / Residential Structure Fires (1)	34	Enforcing Policies and Procedures (4)
34	Strategy and Tactics (4)	30	Conflict Resolution
28	Establishing solid mutual aid partnerships	28	Budgeting
1	Pre planning incidents	1	Insuring implementation of a compliance training program

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Yes	15	No	Would develop		to	serve	on	the	course

The course would have objectives, practical exercises, practical skills and a written examination the student must complete and pass to attain the certification.

Would this course be beneficial?

Questions about the proposal should be directed to State Fire Training Director John M. Buckman III, 317-417-3695 or ibuckman@dhs.in.gov

1 – Does not feel it should replace Fire Officer I.

No

1 - If the proposed bill becomes law, will this class suffice? If so, what about the current FO I cert and the prerequisites for it?